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During this COVID-19 pandemic and other future events, the CDM will continue to be a source of reliable information, education and models for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

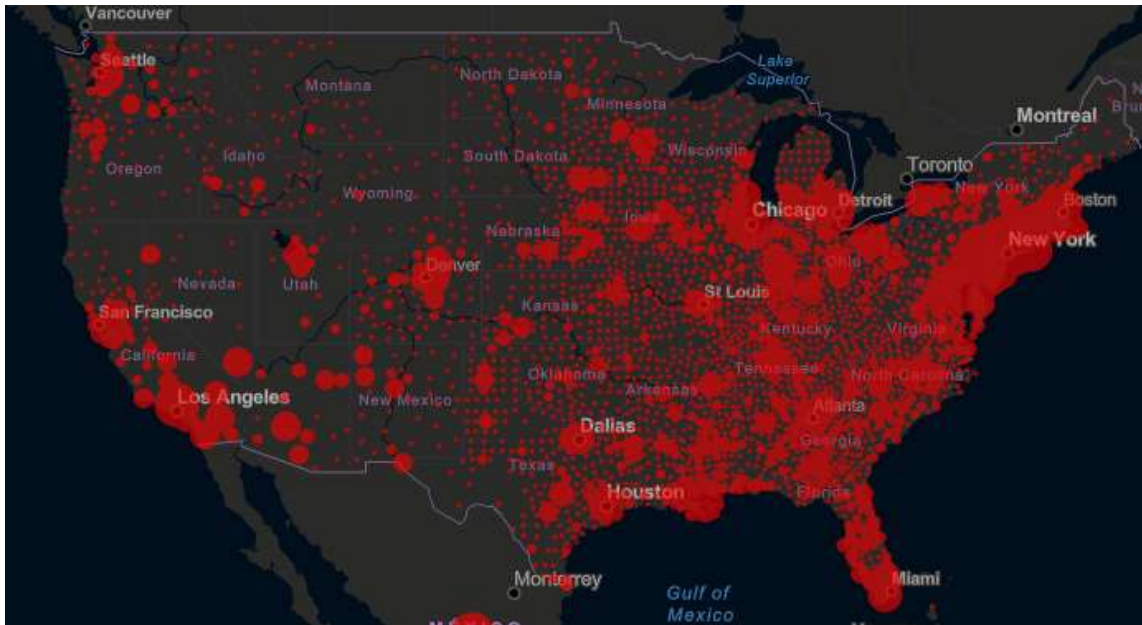
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COVID-19 Statistics

	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered	Total Tested
Worldwide	4,177,687	286,330	1,456,235	No Data
United States	1,347,881	80,682	232,733	9,382,235
New Jersey	140,206	9,340	15,642	425,833
New York	337,055	26,988	58,363	1,204,651
Connecticut	33,765	3,008	5,413	132,508

Information as of 5/12/20 at 0400 EDT. Source: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

United States COVID-19 Case Map / GIS



Center for Disaster Medicine Updates

- Coordinating volunteers to support local public health response to COVID-19.
- Conducting research and analysis of current events and COVID-19 response to identify strengths and areas for improvement in other regions.
- Updating and developing new programs to provide enhanced education on public health emergencies including pandemics.
- Redesigning summer fellowship in disaster and emergency medicine to better address preparedness skills, lessons learned and highlight the importance of high-fidelity simulation in medical education while finding new focus on pandemic-related research projects.
- Exploring course development opportunities in infection prevention and control for frontline responders in the hospital and in the field.
- Serving as a source of information for COVID-19 related concerns or questions regarding public health, emergency medical service (EMS), public safety and healthcare response.
- Local networking and pandemic response analysis for New York's tri-state area, using first-person experiences to highlight current trends.

Federal Updates

- With the urgent need to limit the spread of COVID-19, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with Bloomberg Philanthropies, today launched a free online course to help train a new cadre of contact tracers to reach and assist people exposed to the virus. Taking and passing this course will be a requirement for thousands of contact tracers being hired by the state of New York to fight the pandemic. <https://www.jhsph.edu/news/news->

[releases/2020/johns-hopkins-and-bloomberg-philanthropies-with-new-york-state-launch-online-course-to-train-army-of-contact-tracers-to-slow-spread-of-COVID-19.html](https://www.hhs.gov/press/2020/s0511-jh-bloom-philanthropies-launch-online-course-to-train-army-of-contact-tracers-to-slow-spread-of-covid-19.html)

- The U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will hold a hearing on May 12 to discuss appropriate measures to relax social distancing measures. The hearing—titled COVID-19: Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School—will provide Senators the opportunity to question several high-profile members of the U.S. COVID-19 response. The witnesses will be Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease; Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, U.S. CDC; Admiral Brett Giroir, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health; Dr. Stephen Hahn, Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). <https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/covid-19-safely-getting-back-to-work-and-back-to-school>

The White House

- Reports of positive COVID-19 cases among top White House staffers within the President's inner circle. <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/05/08/mike-pence-staffer-tests-positive-for-coronavirus-244816>
- The President's 30 Days to Slow the Spread ended on April 30. President Trump has unveiled Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts. These steps will help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work, and continuing to protect American lives. To review the guidelines and obtain additional information regarding Opening Up America Again: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH announces the importance of a coordinated strategy to accelerate multiple COVID-19 vaccine candidates <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/coordinated-strategy-accelerate-multiple-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-key-nih-experts-say>

United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

- FDA Issues Daily Update for May 11, 2020
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-daily-roundup-may-11-2020>
- FDA Takes New Actions to Accelerate Development of Novel Prevention, Treatment Options for COVID-19

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-takes-new-actions-accelerate-development-novel-prevention-treatment>

- FDA updates on surveillance inspections during COVID-19
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-updates-surveillance-inspections-during-covid-19>
- FDA Authorizes First Antigen Test to Help in the Rapid Detection of the Virus that Causes COVID-19 in Patients
<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-first-antigen-test-help-rapid-detection-virus-causes>

Health and Human Services (HHS)

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/coronavirus/index.html>

- HHS announces shipments of donated remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19 <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/09/hhs-ships-first-doses-of-donated-remdesivir-for-hospitalized-patients-with-covid-19.html>
- HHS Deploys New Portable Dialysis Machines to New York for COVID-19 Response <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/07/hhs-deploys-new-portable-dialysis-machines-to-new-york-for-covid-19-response.html>
- HHS Awards More than Half Billion Dollars Across the Nation to Expand COVID-19 Testing <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/07/hhs-awards-more-than-half-billion-across-the-nation-to-expand-covid19-testing.html>
- HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/07/hhs-extends-deadline-attestation-acceptance-terms-and-conditions-provider-relief-fund-payments-45-days.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/index.html>

Daily updates of cases in United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

CDC's new weekly COVID-19 surveillance report:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covidview.html>

CDC's updated information on Testing in the United States:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/testing-in-us.html>

CDC's travel recommendations by country:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

CDC's guidance on Contact Tracing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing.html>

Latest CDC guidance on COVID-19 and children: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#COVID-19-and-Children>

CDC's Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-faq.html>

Most updated CDC's Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

CDC MMWR regarding Preliminary Estimate of Excess Mortality During the COVID-19 Outbreak — New York City, March 11–May 2, 2020: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm6919e5-H.pdf>

Clinical Trials

To view the latest information on clinical trials regarding COVID-19: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/results?cond=COVID-19>

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Latest CMS update: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-news-alert-may-11-2020>

American Red Cross

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/plasma-donations-from-recovered-covid-19-patients.html>

State Updates

New York

- Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the members of New York's Reimagine Education Advisory Council to help districts reimagine schools as they prepare to reopen while protecting health and safety, how virtual learning can bridge the gap, and supplement face to face education when schools reopen. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-members-reimagine-education-advisory>
- Governor Cuomo announced the State will extend the window for victims to file otherwise time-barred cases under the Child Victims Act for an additional five months until January 14, 2021. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-state-will-extend-window-victims-file>
- There have been cases reported of a new inflammatory syndrome in children that is believed to be related to COVID-19. At the request of the CDC, New York is helping to develop the national criteria for identifying and responding to this potentially COVID-related illness. The State Department of Health is also partnering in a genome and RNA sequencing study to better understand this illness and the possible genetic basis of this syndrome. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-state-department-health-investigating-evidence-covid-19-can-cause>

- Governor Cuomo announced the launch of a new initiative to expand access to testing in low-income communities and communities of color. The State is partnering with Northwell Health to establish an initial 24 temporary testing sites at churches in predominately minority communities in downstate New York to build on the State's network of downstate testing sites. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-launches-new-initiative-expand-access-testing-low>
- Governor Cuomo will issue an Executive Order mandating that all nursing home staff be tested for COVID-19 two times per week. Nursing homes must implement plans to do so and report any positive test results to the State Department of Health by the next day. Additionally, hospitals cannot discharge a patient to a nursing home unless that patient tests negative for Coronavirus. Any nursing home or adult care facility found to be in violation of health protocols may have its operating license suspended or revoked or be subject to penalty. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news>
- Governor Cuomo announced that as of May 11, 2020, the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley Regions have met all seven metrics required to begin phase one of the state's regional phased reopening plan when NYS on PAUSE orders expire on May 15. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-three-regions-new-york-state-ready>
- Governor Cuomo released the New York Forward reopening plan. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>
- A Regional Monitoring Dashboard has been created to monitor each region's progress toward meeting the reopening criteria. <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

New York State Department of Health

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

Latest information about COVID-19 testing:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing#overview>

For a list of positive cases by county in New York State:

<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n>

NYS DOH Weekly healthcare provider update:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/weekly-health-provider-webinar>

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Plan to Reopen New York:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/new-york-forward>

Information regarding how to become a contact tracer within New York State:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/get-involved-how-you-can-help>

New York State DOH is helping to develop national criteria for COVID-related illnesses in children: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-state-helping-develop-national-criteria-identifying-and-responding>

New York State's Regional Monitoring Dashboard regarding the seven metrics needed to reopen: <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

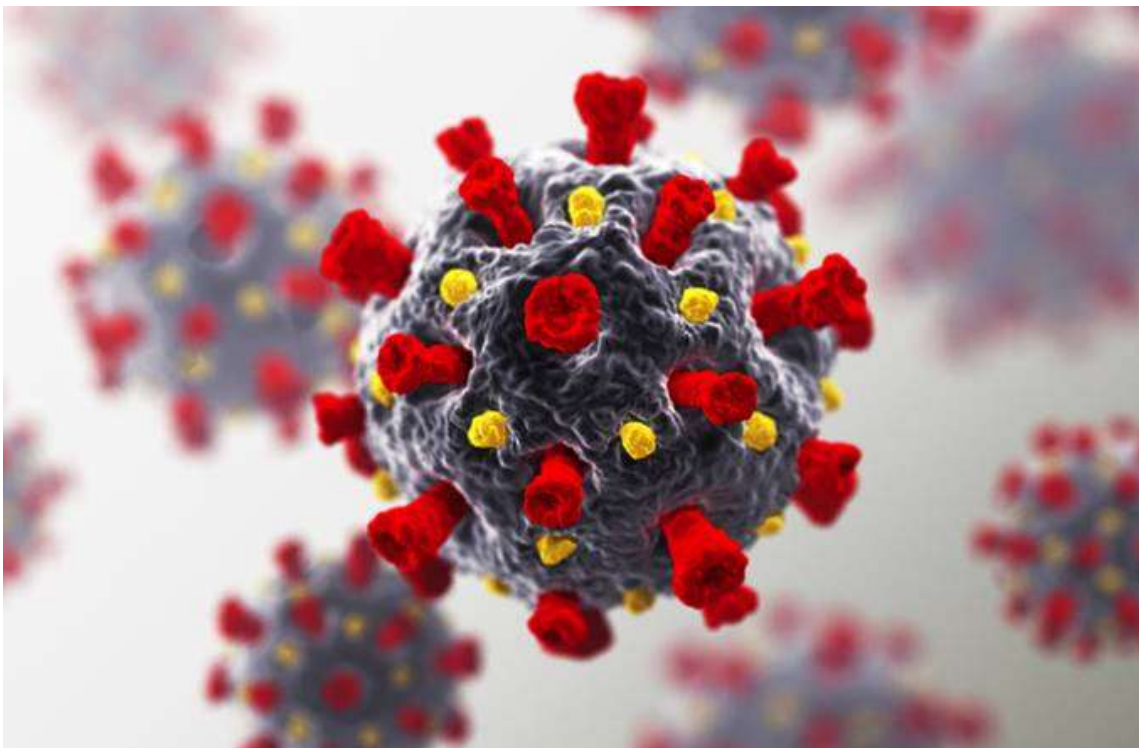
New Jersey

- Governor Phil Murphy announced two new American Red Cross convalescent plasma collection sites in northern New Jersey. Convalescent plasma collection began at the American Red Cross blood center in Fairfield and University Hospital in Newark on Monday, May 11. In late March, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a new initiative to collect plasma from those who have recovered from novel coronavirus to treat patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200509a.shtml>
- Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson today announced the federal government has approved the Department's plan to provide \$248 million in special food assistance benefits to nearly 600,000 New Jersey children who normally receive free or reduced-price school meals as part of the response to COVID-19 school closures. <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200511d.shtml>

Connecticut

- Governor Ned Lamont announced that his administration has released documents detailing specific rules that eligible businesses falling under phase 1 of Connecticut's reopening plans must follow amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The first phase – which includes restaurants; offices; hair salons and barbershops; retail stores; and outdoor museums and zoos – is currently planned to take effect beginning May 20. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>
- Governor Lamont today said that the state of Connecticut and its nonprofit partners are continuing to seek volunteers willing to help communities respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The state's volunteer recruitment effort is being expanded to bolster the ranks of volunteers needed at nonprofits that offer support to children and adults in programs for intellectual disabilities and behavioral health settings, as well as organizations that support senior citizens. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases>
- Governor Lamont enacted Executive Order No. 7LL with the following provisions:

- Modifications to the petitioning process for the August 2020 primary election: Makes modifications to the existing statutory petitioning process for minor parties, unaffiliated petitioning candidates, and major party candidates who fail to receive fifteen percent at a major party district convention and wish to run in the August primary election as follows:
 - Reduces by 30 percent the number of signatures required;
 - Extends the deadline for submission of petitions by two days; and
 - Permits an individual to sign and mail or email to a candidate a petition containing only that individual's signature, provided the individual makes all the required representations and attestations under penalty of false statement.
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7LL.pdf?la=en>



Local Updates

New York Blood Center (NYBC)

- Congressman Engel Leads Effort to Provide Support to Blood Centers
<https://www.nybc.org/news/articles/congressman-engel-leads-effort-provide-support-blood-centers/>

New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-main.page>

NYC DOHMH's COVID-19 information for providers:

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-providers.page>

Latest information regarding Agency Suspensions and Reductions: <https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/city-agency-service-updates.page>

Westchester County Department of Health

For the latest COVID-19 information including how to become a contact tracer:

<https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus>

- Latest daily COVID-19 briefing (May 11) from Westchester County Executive Latimer: <https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8451-may-11-westchester-county-executive-george-latimer-gives-covid-19-update>
- County Executive George Latimer Announces \$3.2 million in federal funding for Westchester to recover from COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://www.westchestergov.com/home/all-press-releases/8453-county-executive-george-latimer-announces-3-2m-in-federal-funding-for-westchester-to-recover-from-covid-19-pandemic>

Putnam County Department of Health

<https://www.putnamcountyny.com/health/coronavirus/>

Dutchess County Department of Health

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.htm>

Orange County Department of Health

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1906/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-Information>

Rockland County Department of Health

<https://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Healthcare

For the latest COVID-19 information for healthcare facilities from the *Greater New York Hospital Association* that covers hospitals in the tri-state area: <https://www.gnyha.org/>

For the latest information on agency prevention and treatment guidance:

<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/cdc-doh-and-dohmh-prevention-and-treatment-guidance/>

For Financial Resources for Hospitals During the COVID-19 Emergency:

<https://www.gnyha.org/tool/financial-resources-for-hospitals-during-the-covid-19-emergency/>

For the latest information about Enhancement to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Essential Connector Program During the Nightly Subway Closure:

<https://www.gnyha.org/news/enhancement-to-the-mtas-essential-connector-program-during-the-nightly-subway-closure/>

Center for Disaster Medicine Media

New York Medical College News:

In the Northeast, states work together, but have own reopening schedules. Here are their plans

The Journal News

5/8/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/08/northeast-states-reopening-ny-pa-ct-maryland-delaware/3093296001/>

In coronavirus response, Gov. Andrew Cuomo shows a different side: A softer one

Democrat and Chronicle

5/8/2020

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2020/05/08/coronavirus-response-cuomo-shows-different-side-softer-one/5174405002/>

Coronavirus updates: FDA authorizes 1st diagnostic test with at-home collected saliva

ABC News

5/9/2020

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/coronavirus-live-updates-tsa-require-employees-wear-facial/story?id=70569418>

New York governor says five-year-old boy died from rare COVID-related illness

CNA

5/9/2020

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/five-year-old-boy-died-from-covid-19-coronavirus-related-illness-12716490>

New York Gov. Cuomo is freezing evictions until August 20 for people who can't pay their rent because of the coronavirus

Business Insider

5/8/2020

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/coronavirus-cuomo-freezing-evictions-in-new-york-until-august-20-2020-5>

Hold on New York rental evictions extended through August, Andrew Cuomo says

The Journal News

5/7/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/coronavirus/2020/05/07/new-york-rent-moratorium-eviction-coronavirus/3087680001/>

Governor extends non-eviction law for 60 days

Mid-Hudson News

5/8/2020

<https://midhudsonnews.com/2020/05/08/governor-extends-non-eviction-law-for-60-days/>

Cuomo: Extending rent relief 'a deep breath' for families amid COVID-19 crisis

Newsday

5/8/2020

<https://www.newsday.com/news/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-long-island-new-york-1.44444770>

Some hospitals cleared to restart elective surgery, including Albany Med; Schenectady's Ellis waiting

The Daily Gazette

5/7/2020

<https://dailygazette.com/article/2020/05/07/some-hospitals-cleared-to-restart-elective-surgery-including-albany-med-schenectady-s-ellis-waiting>

Cuomo extends rent relief to NY'ers through Aug. 20

ABC Albany (WSYR)

5/7/2020

<https://www.news10.com/news/watch-governor-cuomo-makes-an-announcement-from-new-york-medical-college/>

Faculty News:

Amid a pandemic, nurses make a vast difference to improve global public health'

Nursing Times

5/7/2020

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/opinion/amid-a-pandemic-nurses-make-a-vast-difference-to-improve-global-public-health-07-05-2020/>

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5-Year-Old Dies in New York City of Rare Illness Linked to Virus

The New York Times

5/8/2020

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/08/nyregion/coronavirus-new-york-update.html>

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Coronavirus-linked disease may have killed Westchester boy, hospitalized 11 children

The Journal News

5/8/2020

<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/coronavirus/2020/05/08/coronavirus-linked-disease-may-have-killed-westchester-boy/3095977001/>

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Child With Mysterious Illness Linked To COVID-19 Dies In Westchester

Daily Voice

5/8/2020

<https://dailyvoice.com/new-york/mountvernon/news/child-with-mysterious-illness-linked-to-covid-19-dies-in-westchester/787726/>

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2 NY boys die after developing inflammatory condition possibly linked to COVID-19

Fox 5 News

5/9/2020

<https://www.fox5ny.com/news/2-ny-boys-die-after-developing-inflammatory-condition-possibly-linked-to-covid-19>

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2 New York Boys Die Of Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Amid Pandemic

CBS New York

5/9/2020

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-Oy_-3KsE4

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Pediatric Cases, Deaths Possibly Linked to COVID-19 Rise Statewide

Examiner News

5/10/2020

<https://www.theexaminernews.com/pediatric-cases-deaths-possibly-linked-to-covid-19-rise-statewide/>

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11 Children Hospitalized at Maria Fareri With Possible COVID-Related Syndrome

Examiner News

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<https://www.theexaminernews.com/11-children-hospitalized-at-maria-fareri-with-possible-covid-related-syndrome/>

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